(4) Except when unavoidable obstructions are encountered, there must be at least  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches clearance above each rung.

# §169.315 Ventilation (other than machinery spaces).

- (a) All enclosed spaces within the vessel must be properly ventilated in a manner suitable for the purpose of the space.
- (b) A means must be provided to close off all vents and ventilators.
- (c) Living spaces must be ventilated by a mechanical system unless it can be shown that a natural system will provide adequate ventilation in all ordinary weather conditions. Provided that paragraph (a) of this section is satisfied, a vessel having only a natural ventilation system must satisfy the following: V/A≥1.4 where V is the total area of the vents in square inches and A is the product in square feet of the vessel's design waterline length times its maximum beam.

## LIVING SPACES

# § 169.317 Accommodations.

- (a) Quarters must have sufficient fresh air, light and heat. Quarters must not be located forward of the collision bulkhead or farther forward in the vessel than a vertical plane located at 5 percent of the vessel's loadline length abaft the forward side of the stem. The space must not be located totally below the deepest load waterline.
- (b) Bulkheads separating accommodations from machinery spaces, paint lockers, storerooms, washrooms, and toilet facilities are to be odorproof.
- (c) All quarters are to be properly drained, odorproof and protected from heat and noise.
- (d) Each person on board must have a separate berth which is of sufficient size and generally clear of all pipes, ventilation ducts and other installations.
- (e) Each bunk must be constructed of wood, fiberglass or metal. If fitted with a mattress, the mattress must be covered with material which has been treated to give it fire resistant properties and which will provide the mattress with a reasonably smooth surface. There must be a minimum

vertical distance between bunks of 24 inches.

- (f) A means of access must be provided for each berthing arrangement where the upper berth is more than 60 inches above the deck.
- (g) The construction and arrangement must allow free and unobstructed access to each berth. Each berth must be immediately adjacent to an aisle leading to a means of escape from the living area.
- (h) A properly arranged hammock may be used as a berth.

#### § 169.319 Washrooms and toilets.

- (a) Sailing school vessels must have one toilet and one washbasin for every 20 persons. Each toilet and washbasin must have adequate plumbing.
- (b) Each washroom and toilet room must properly drain and the scupper to the washroom must be of sufficient size and situated in the lowest part of the space.
- (c) Each sailing school vessel must meet the applicable requirements of Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, part 159.

## § 169.323 Furniture and furnishings.

Each sailing school vessel certificated to carry 100 persons or less or having overnight accommodations for less than 50 persons must meet the following requirements:

- (a) Except as provided by paragraph (b) of this section, all free-standing furniture must be constructed of noncombustible material. Upholstery and padding used in furniture must be of fire resistant materials.
- (b) Existing solid wooden furniture may be retained on existing vessels.
- (c) Draperies must be fabricated of fire resistant fabrics.
- (d) Rugs and carpets must be of wool or other material having equivalent fire resistant qualities.
- (e) Trash receptacles must be constructed of non-combustible materials with solid sides and bottoms and have solid noncombustible covers.

## RAILS AND GUARDS

# § 169.327 Deck rails.

(a) All rails or lifelines must be at least 30 inches high and permanently